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Timely Tidbits . . .

Romulus High School Classes To Begin on September 13

Due to unanticipated delays in the construction work currently underway at Romulus High School, and after consultation with the State Fire Marshal, the Romulus school district has decided to delay the opening of the High School until Monday, September 13, 1993. This decision, says Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent of Schools, has been made out of concern for the safety of students and staff.

All other schools in the District will begin classes on schedule.

United Brass Benefit Organizers Say Thank you!

Employees of the United Brass Machine Division would like to thank everyone whose donation helped to make their "Benny" fit Steak Roast such a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of the donors, the United Brass employees raised three times the goal amount set for their fund-raising event.

Proceeds from the Steak Roast will go toward a kidney transplant for the employees' friend and co-worker, Ben Warren.

Volunteers Sought for Museum Work

The Romulus Historical Museum is currently seeking volunteers to donate four Sunday-afternoon hours per month to work on any of a variety of tasks at the Museum. The volunteer must be a history-minded person.

Help is needed in such areas as filing, typing, assessing artifacts, on-site research of artifacts' names and dates of origin, working on the genealogy files, dressing mannequins, sewing, dating period clothing, and similar tasks. Volunteers may select any one of the above areas to work in if they qualify. Instruction will be given when needed.

Interested persons may come to the Romulus Historical Museum, located next to the Post Office in downtown Romulus, any Sunday between 1 and 4 p.m. Applications can be filled out at that time.

Anyone with questions can call 942-2340 on Sundays between 1 and 4 p.m.

Mock Disaster Hones Search and Rescue Skills

By Margaret Leduc, director of the Emergency Management Office of the City of Romulus

What would happen if our area again experienced a major airplane crash? What has been learned since the last "real" crash? How many of those people who have recently joined the Police Department and the Fire Department do not know what is expected of them in a disaster? What resources are necessary to conduct an aircraft-disaster operation after sunset? What would happen if a plane landed in the holding ponds or in Belleville Lake? What are the unique problems related to such situations?

These are just some of the concerns which were addressed in the two-day Operation MADRE (Metro Airport Disaster Response Exercise) mock-disaster exercise which was held on Tuesday, August 31, and Wednesday, September 1, 1993.

Since the City of Romulus surrounds Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Romulus police and fire personnel are among the first to respond in situations which involve some sort of disaster; therefore, when Wayne County holds an exercise for the purpose of conducting search-and-rescue training, Romulus naturally becomes a part of the exercise to under-

stand the roles that these departments would play.

The first day of the exercise was designed to test all aspects of a real disaster, including firefighting, treatment of mass casualties, transportation of victims to hospital emergency rooms, and emergency medical treatment of victims at participating hospitals, as well as the establishment of a Joint Public Information Center (press area) and Family Center (reception area for all other surviving passengers and the families of all the passengers).

Some of the issues addressed on the second day included search-and-rescue in a body of water and identification of bodies and property. This part of the simulation allowed the various participating dive teams and identification teams to work together and refresh their skills with regard to procedures in a mass casualty. Teams involved were from the Detroit Police, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, and Western Wayne County Police departments.

Conducting exercises which test the skills of the various response teams is a good way to hone those skills. Hopefully, as a result of such exercises, there will be few problems encountered in the event of a real catastrophe. □

Ford Fears Weak NAFTA Rules Will Add to Job Drain



Congressman William D. Ford, Chairman of the Committee on Education, recently stated his belief that weak health and safety regulations in Mexico – if not improved in the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) – will create yet another incentive for businesses to move more Michigan jobs south of the border.

In a letter to US Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, Ford – a strong opponent of NAFTA – said that new side agreements do not allay his fears over whether Mexico will adequately enforce its existing health and safety regulations. He added that failure to win such a guarantee means that NAFTA "will exert downward pressure on the United States to weaken health and safety standards in this country, and will improperly jeopardize the welfare of the workers in Michigan. . ."

One example cited by Ford in support of his assertion was the fact that Mexico allows a 10-times-greater employee exposure to asbestos, a known carcinogen, and benzene, a substance that causes leukemia and other blood disorders, than is permitted in the US.

Said Ford, "I want to ensure the working men and women that I represent that weak health and safety protections in Mexico, coupled with low wages, will not provide a further inducement for a company to take their jobs and move south of the border, abandoning Michigan's working families and their communities." □

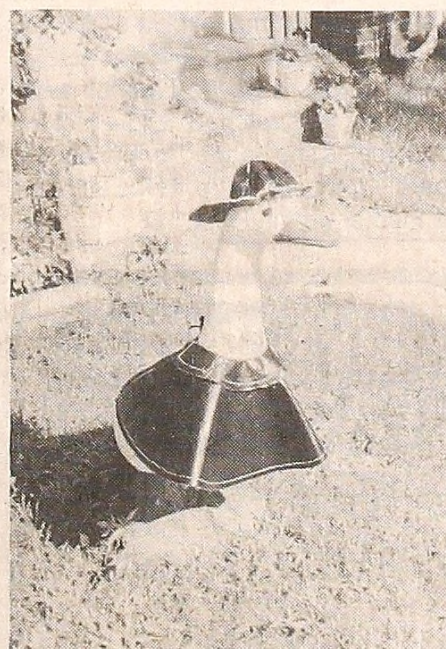
This Dressed-up Duck Is the Talk of the Town

By Judie Rakotz

If you haven't driven down Goddard Road lately and seen Ms./Mr. Duck (depending upon the day's costume), you certainly are missing what could be the highlight of your day.

It should be evident to anyone who passes 37016 Goddard on a regular basis that Duck is definitely undergoing an identity crisis. Helping Duck in his/her quest to find himself/herself is his/her owner, Mary Rodgers, who dresses him/her in a different outfit each day. The various identities that Duck has assumed so far include a policeman, fireman, cowboy, native American, Amishman, beach bum, bathing beauty, "Foul-weather Frank" (this "persona" wears a rain-gear costume), "lady of refinement," and "duck in sheep's clothing."

Once, as my daughter and I were driving by Duck (which we make a point of doing each day, even if it takes us a little out of our way), she remarked, "I would love to see Duck's



closet; it has to be bigger than mine!"

So, if you're looking for a way to give your spirit a little lift, "make your day" by driving past 37016 Goddard to observe the delight of the Summer of 1993. □

The Lighter Slice

"If I Was a Rich Man . . ."



By Tom Shamanski

If you've read more than a few of these doodlings through the years, you probably know that I'm a cat person.

Now, please don't get me wrong, here. . . . Some of my best friends are dogs. For me, however, when it comes to comparing cats to dogs, it's like comparing Paris to Buffalo (and, even though Parisian cats are often downright rude to tourists, that has nothing to do with it).

Anyway, a while back, my cat Molly had been hounding me to take a day off work so that we could spend some quality time together – but then, when I finally did, she said that she had a headache, and warned me to get out of her whiskers. Since I was losing a day's pay, you'll understand why I told her that, if she called off our special day, I'd call off all her future moonlight strolls with our neighbor's cat, Spike. Suddenly, she felt much better.

After breakfast – dry Corn Flakes for me; a ham-and-cheese omelet laced with sparkling, pink champagne for her – we started off our day by watching *Tom and Jerry* cartoons on CNN. Soon, though, we both began yawning, stretching, and scratching a lot; so, when Molly suggested that we just bat the breeze for awhile, I agreed.

Naturally, we started off by talking about what everyone else is discussing these days: the renewed popularity of

country-western music.

"So, Mol," I ventured, "what do you think of the new country sound?"

"Well, it's okay, I guess, but I like the old, more-traditional country music . . . kind of like what 'Catfish' Hunter used to sing."

Although I was pretty certain that "Catfish" Hunter is a former major-league baseball player, and probably came as close to performing country music as I have to conducting the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, I didn't say anything. You see, when contradicted, cats tend to either sulk, ignore you, or chatter incessantly about the Brady Bunch.

Just as I thought that we'd move on to another topic – something like bird-watching, or techniques for raising a superiorly stimulating strain of "home-grown" catnip – she surprised me when she asked, "Did you know that, in my third life, I was a country-western singer?"

"Get out!" I cried. "I've heard you sing, and you sound like Truman Capote – and that's on a good day!"

Suddenly remembering the Brady Bunch, I quickly added, "But I like your singing . . . really, I do. You've got a good beat and, whenever I'm wearing my galoshes, I can even dance to it. So, go ahead and tell me about your country-music days."

"Well, it was back in the early 1890s, and I sang and played the fiddle. Actually, I sounded a lot like Mary-Chapin Carpenter – but, for some reason, most folks compared me to Gabby Hayes or Slim Pickens.

"But, anyway," she went on, "I'd ride my horse into a town, play for a few days, and then saddle up and mosey on to the next town."

"I'm definitely impressed, Mol," I said, remembering that, in my third life, I was a dysfunctional donut machine. "Did you have any special name for your act?"

With that, she pushed herself away from the table, stretched, and – looking back at me as she headed for her bowl of kippers – grinned: "Sure. I was billed as 'The Fiddler on the Hoof.'" □

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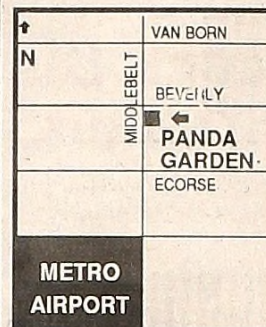
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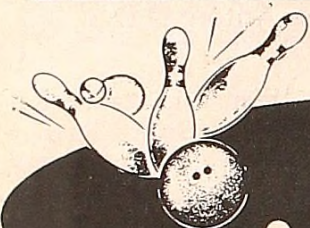
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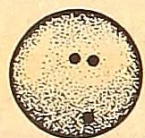
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Romulus Recreation Department To Host Punt, Pass & Kick Competition

Young pro-football fans will have the opportunity to exhibit their football skills when the Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation hosts an NFL/Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick Competition on Saturday, September 18.

The free competition, open to boys and girls ages eight to 15, will be held at "Senior Citizens Park" behind the Recreation Building at 10:30 a.m. The top finishers from each of eight age groups at the Local competition will advance to a Sectional competition. Sectional winners will have their scores compared with other Sectional champions; the top five scorers from the pool will advance to the Detroit Lions Team Championship, to be held at the Pontiac Silverdome on Sunday, December 5, during the Lions/Minnesota Vikings game. The top four finishers within each age bracket at this level will qualify for the National finals at the Pro Bowl in Hawaii.

For competition information, call the Recreation office at 942-6852.

Gemini in Concert

Gemini – twin-brother musicians Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits – will be performing "A Musical Celebration for Children and the Whole Family," at the Huron Civic Auditorium (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston) at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 18.

During the concert, Gemini invites the audience to celebrate the fun, warmth,

and humor of family life. The twin brothers have an upbeat flair for involving everyone – from tots to grandparents – in the music-making. The result is a show full of laughter and boisterous fun, as well as the magic of hushed singing.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students/senior citizens. For information, call the HCT box office at 782-5380.

Flyers Football

The Romulus Flyers football season has begun, and the community is urged to come out and support the participating youths as they strive for victory! Games will be held according to the following schedule.

- Allen Park (1 p.m. September 11; away)
- Woodhaven (1 p.m. September 18; home)
- Homecoming vs Southgate (1 p.m. September 25; home)
- Riverview (1 p.m. October 3; away)
- River Rouge (11 a.m. October 9; away)
- Grosse Ile (12 p.m. October 16; away)
- Huron River (1 p.m. October 23; home)
- Taylor (1 p.m. November 6; home).

Pinery Color Tour

Romulus seniors are invited to take a one-day "color tour" of the Pinery – a provincial nature reserve with a wide variety of trees that burst into brilliant color – on Thursday, October 14. Also featured will be lunch at the Little Inn in Bayfield and a stop at the Lambton County Museum. Call the Romulus Senior Center at 942-6852 if interested. □

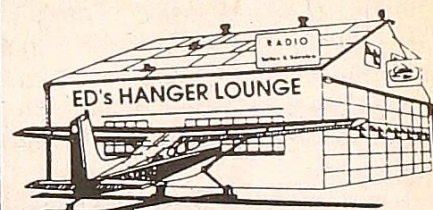
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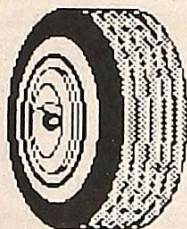
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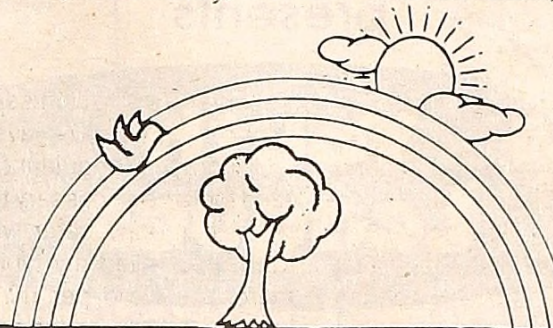
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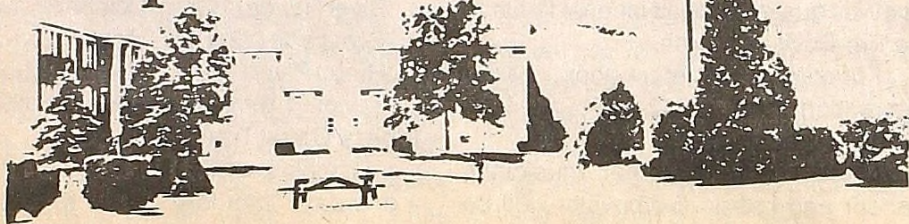


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Romulus Profile: Linda Choate

By Tom Shamanski

Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate is definitely not a woman who is afraid of work. In fact, in a recent interview, the 31-year Romulus resident told of having applied for her first job at the tender age of six.

"My dad would give me money to go to the movies," she explained. "One day, I noticed that, after the movie, there was popcorn all over the place – so I found the manager of the theater and applied for a job sweeping up all the popcorn!"

Of course, Choate didn't land that particular job, but she has been working for much of her adult life. In 1983, the Tennessee native was elected to the post of Romulus City Clerk, a position she holds to this day.

When asked to detail her highly impressive rise from an entry-level position to that of City Clerk, the Taylor Center High School graduate replied, "I first came to work in the Clerk's office in 1973 as a recording secretary for the Planning Committee. Prior to that time, I had held a clerical position at Western Eaton (now Chemcentral-Detroit's Romulus Division) for five years; however, since there were no opportunities for advancement, I left the company."

Because Choate hoped to spend more time with her two young children, she wasn't really looking for another job; however, things soon changed.

"Through a friend," Choate stated, "I was doing door-to-door collections for muscular dystrophy. Afterward, I was to deliver the money that I had collected to a lady by the name of Elvira Fischer, who was then working for the City's water department. She and several others encouraged me to apply for a City job."

Although Choate was initially unconvinced by her friends' urgings, she reconsidered her decision when Fischer contacted her to let her know about a City clerical position that had just opened up.

"At that point," said Choate, "after discussing the situation with my husband, I decided to apply for the job."

Immediately after submitting her application, Choate was interviewed by former Romulus mayor, Hyle Carmichael. Following her successful passing of a typing test and physical examination, she was offered, and subsequently accepted, the position. Remarkably, all the events—from learning about the position to being hired by the City—occurred within a time frame of two days.

In 1978, Choate was elevated to Deputy City Clerk—a position, she said, that is normally filled from without the ranks of City employees.

Three years later, Choate became a candidate for City Clerk when then-City Clerk Leonard Folmar decided not to run for reelection.

"In 1981," she stated, "when I decided to run for Clerk, I had to quit my job

to do so. In my first time out, I lost the election by a relatively small margin—so, for the next two years, I worked at home, tending to my children."

Undaunted by her previous defeat, Choate again sought the Clerk's office in 1983. As the November election approached, the Michigan Employment Security Commission sent her for a job interview at Kelsey-Hayes in Romulus.

"I prayed for guidance," she stated, "and took the necessary tests to be hired by the company. Later, when I found out that I had failed my typing test—by a mere one word per minute!—I didn't know whether to laugh or to cry. I rushed back home and told my husband, 'I just got elected, you wait and see!'"

Indeed, Choate's prophesy proved true—and, since her 1983 victory, she has been reelected four times. This November, Choate will run unopposed in her bid for a sixth term of service.

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As the Clerk for the City of Romulus, Choate's duties are wide and varied. A few of her responsibilities include attending all City Council meetings and keeping a journal of all proceedings; maintaining a record of all ordinances, resolutions, and actions of the City Council; issuing and signing all City licenses; administering all oaths; conducting elections; serving as custodian of all current and stored official City records and documents; maintaining records of all City-owned land; and handling the sale of grave plots and coordinating all burial arrangements at the City cemetery.

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Choate has several assistants to help her with the extremely large volume of work that passes through her office each day. The assistants and their respective titles are Pamela Kersey (Deputy Clerk), Terrance Hermenau (Administrative Assistant), Rendell Wooden (Elections Clerk), Sharon Walker (Property Clerk), and Marsha Gilstorf (Licensing Clerk).

Choate also noted that, presently, there are two vacant positions in the Clerk's office: one is in records; the other is a co-op job.

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When asked with what achievement she, as City Clerk, is most proud, Choate responded, "I feel very good about our elections: In the last 10 years, we've had only one recount. That was in 1987, when the (defeated incumbent) City Treasurer filed a letter to the Wayne County Clerk alleging mistakes and errors in that year's balloting."

In the end, said Choate, a thorough investigation by representatives of the Wayne County Clerk's office found no fault whatsoever with either the vote count or the manner in which Choate supervised the election.

... "I felt as if I had been exonerated,"



said Choate. "After the recount, the head of the County's investigative team said that he didn't know why he was here. As no errors were found at all, he felt like the recount was a waste of his time and of the taxpayers' money."

"Later," she continued, "James Killeen, who was then the Clerk for Wayne County, was quoted as saying: 'If all the elections were held like they were in Romulus, there wouldn't be any need for me.'"

After citing her current goal of getting an electronic voting system in place, Choate added, "We've already let bids on this, and I expect implementation within the next two months."

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In her desire to stay active and professionally "current," Choate belongs to a number of civic and professional organizations. When asked to comment, she said, "Since 1984, I've been a member of Romulus' chamber of commerce. Also, in 1977, I became, and still am, a member of the Wayne County Clerk's Association. From 1991 to 1993, I served as the Association's president."

Additionally, Choate stated, she presently serves as treasurer for the Michigan Municipal Clerk's Association, a group that she joined in 1977.

The International Municipal Clerk's Association is yet another professional organization to which Choate belongs. The Association, which Choate joined in the late 1970s, includes members from the United States, Canada, Japan, Aus-

tralia, and several European countries. The worldwide organization holds its annual meeting each May. To present, Choate has attended those gatherings that have been held in the United States.

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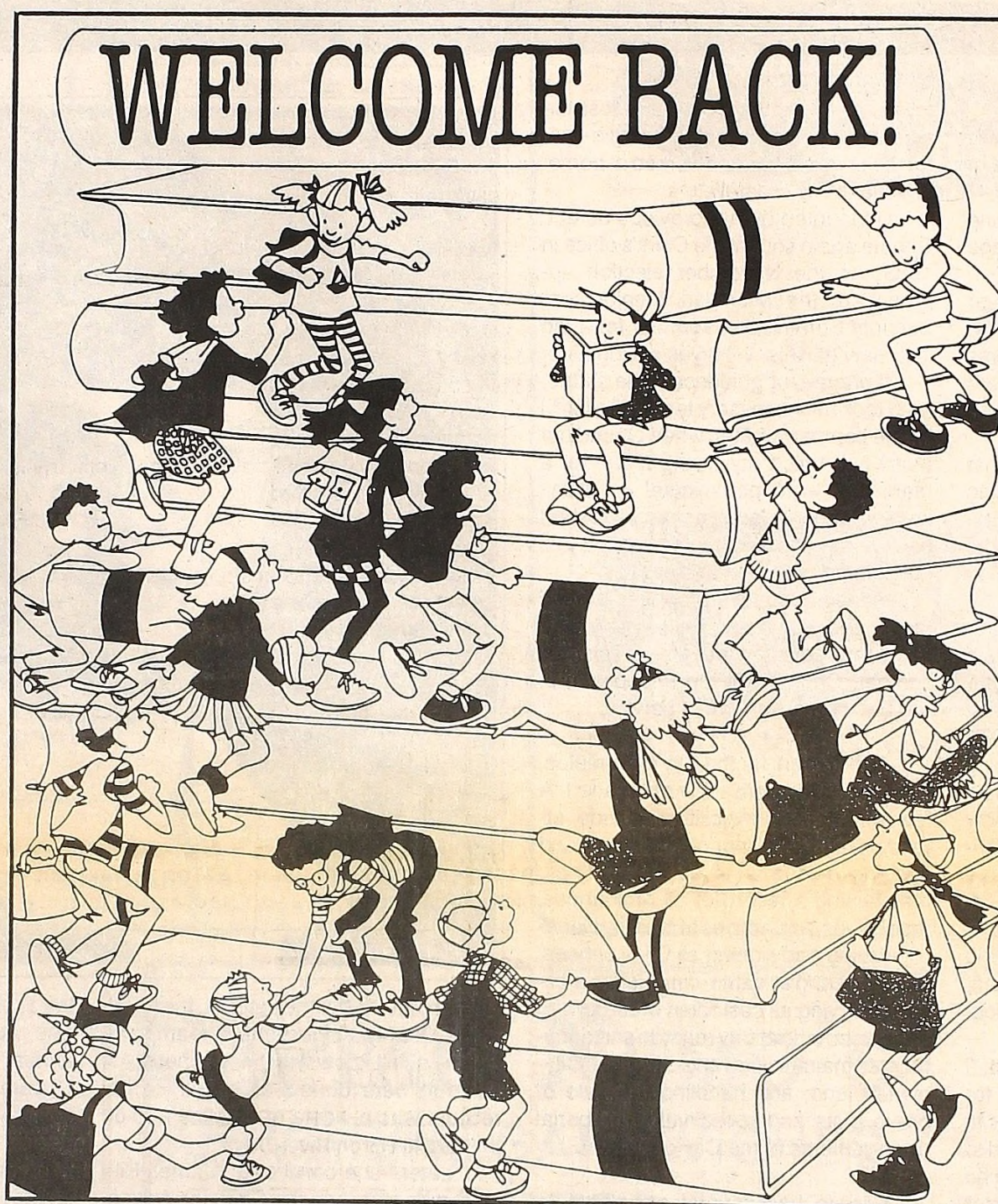
Choate's husband Kenneth works for the Romulus offices of Federal Mogul. The couple has two children. Richard, 34, is in management with a Romulus trucking firm. Since 1986, he has resided in Taylor. Daughter Suzanne, at 33 years of age, owns her own catering business in Romulus. Suzanne has been a local resident since she was two years old.

When spare time comes her way, Choate enjoys gardening and growing flowers, reading, and—for her own pleasure—doing crafts. As a couple, the Choates like to travel, dine out, attend movies, and participate in golf outings.

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When asked to summarize her tenure as Clerk for the City of Romulus, Choate replied, "I enjoy the whole job; I don't really favor one aspect more than the others. I try to do the best job that I can, and I really like working with people and solving problems."

Considering the fact that Choate has run unopposed in every election since her initial victory in 1983, it seems obvious that the people of Romulus are more than happy with their clerk's work—and Choate's love of her job is probably at least as important as her knowledge and ability when it comes to her outstanding performance. □



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W	Sep. 22	Adrian-Drager	Away	4:00 p.m.
W	Oct. 6	Robichaud	Away	4:00 p.m.
W	Oct. 20	Adrian-Springbrook	Home	4:00 p.m.
W	Oct. 27	Robichaud	Home	4:00 p.m.

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Girls' Basketball Schedule, 1993

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Tu	Sep. 21	Robichaud	Home	4:30 p.m.
W	Sep. 22	Willow Run	Away	4:00 p.m.
Tu	Sep. 28	Ypsilanti-East	Home	3:30 p.m.
Th	Sep. 30	Dexter	Away	4:00 p.m.
Tu	Oct. 5	Ypsilanti-West	Home	3:30 p.m.
Th	Oct. 7	Southfield Christian	Away	4:00 p.m.
M	Oct. 11	Robichaud	Away	4:30 p.m.
Th	Oct. 14	Willow Run	Home	4:00 p.m.
Tu	Oct. 19	Ypsilanti-Lincoln (7th & 8th)	Away	4:00 p.m.
Th	Oct. 21	Ypsilanti-East	Away	3:30 p.m.
Tu	Oct. 26	Ypsilanti-West	Away	3:30 p.m.

Head Coach: Theresa Gibson

Assistant Coach: T. Gray

Romulus Middle School Hopes To Maintain Status Quo in Sports

By Thomas D. Williams, activities director, Romulus Middle School

If the sports teams of the newly christened Romulus Middle School can continue playing with the success enjoyed by Romulus Junior High School last year, the 1993-1994 athletic program will enjoy another phenomenal fall, winter, and spring season.

Last year's boys' teams had a banner year. In all four sports (football, basketball, wrestling, and track), Romulus won *every time* it played another school. Many of the coaches have reported that other coaches and fans have complimented our young men on their play and sportsmanship.

The sports philosophy of our program can be simply stated.

- Teach the basics of the sport.
- Teach discipline and expect it.
- Insist on good sportsmanship.
- Expect the best on and off the field.

These guidelines and high expectations have led to a successful program for the last eight years. Hopefully, this year will match last year's exceptional quality.

The 1992 football program (head coach: Don Foley; assistant coach: Tom Williams) finished the season with six wins and no losses. It was the fourth perfect season that the teams have completed in the past eight years. The overall

record during that eight-year time span was 44 wins, eight losses, and two ties; 21 of the victories came in the form of shutouts.

Last year's winter-season play provided the school with two successful teams. The wrestling team (head coach: Bill Cuhnan; assistant coach: Arvern Logan) finished 3-0 in dual meets and did well in two tournaments. The basketball team (head coach: Rob Willette) ended the season with an 11-0 record - its second perfect season in five years.

The undefeated spring 1993 track team (head coach: Arvern Logan; assistant coach: Lawrence Thomas) finished the year with six victories and a first-place finish at the Hilbert Relays. Just as the football and basketball teams have done, the track team has achieved several perfect records in the past eight years.

The amazing end to this eight-year story is that Romulus Junior High School's male athletes outscored their opponents by a total margin of 1,472 to 547 points - a ratio of almost three to one! You can bet that they'll be looking to continue this fine tradition during the 1993-1994 school year.

As always, parents and other responsible members of the community are encouraged to attend school sports events to support our young athletes. □

Teen Talk: Health

Adolescents and Weight Loss

By Kathleen Conway, director, Romulus Adolescent Health Center

One in four of today's teens is obese - an increase of approximately 40% in the last 15 years. The potential problems for the overweight teen are serious; the need for safe and effective weight-management programs is great.

Many of today's teens are dieting, even though weight loss for children and teens is potentially hazardous: rapid weight loss or rigid diets can affect growth and development, promote binge-eating, and - ultimately - result in weight gain.

Overweight children and adolescents are often caught in a downward spiral of overeating, inactivity, social isolation, withdrawal into the home, lowered self-esteem, depression, and weight gain. Obese children and adolescents have an increased prevalence of irregular menstruation, hypertension, and respiratory problems, and often suffer from peer discrimination, scholastic disadvantages, low self-esteem, and a negative body-image.

If obesity persists throughout adolescence, it is likely to continue into adulthood: between 50% and 95% of obese adolescents will be obese adults.

The Romulus Adolescent Health Center, in cooperation with Children's Hospital of Michigan, is adopting the Nation's leading weight-management program for teens: SHAPEDOWN. The program will be offered at the Health Center; the fall session, which begins in October, can accommodate 10 teens and will run for 12 weeks. All teens participating will receive a complete physi-

cal and evaluation at the Health Center prior to beginning the program.

SHAPEDOWN helps teens take control of their eating behaviors and attitudes by learning how to eat without the feeling that they are depriving themselves of their favorite foods. SHAPEDOWN also helps parents to effectively support teens in a moderate change of menu planning that requires *no* special foods, formulas, or pills - just low-fat and low-sugar foods.

Orientation for the SHAPEDOWN program is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 1993, at the Romulus Adolescent Health Center, located in Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road). For more information, please call 941-1400.

The Romulus Adolescent Health Center is located in Romulus High School, 9650 South Wayne Road. The Center serves Romulus residents - students and nonstudents - between the ages of 10 and 21, and special-education students to age 26. Children at least five years of age can receive immunizations. Blue Cross, Medicaid, and private insurances are accepted. Fees are affordable and vary according to the patient's ability to pay. No one is denied services if unable to pay. Appointments are usually necessary; some walk-ins are accepted. Parents must sign a consent form for their child to be seen at the Center. Call 941-1400 for appointments/information.

The Romulus Adolescent Health Center Advisory Council meets quarterly at the High School (all meetings are held on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.). These meetings are open to the public. □

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"Our Home"

The Home Inspection

By Celia Chesno, realtor

"Well," you say to your friendly local realtor, "after looking at what seemed like a million houses, we have finally found the one that we think we can call home; however . . ."

"However," she says, continuing your thoughts, "you want to be sure that the house doesn't have some unseen flaw in it, right?"

"Exactly," you affirm. "We're spending all our money and committing ourselves to 30 years' worth of payments. How do we know that this house is what we think it is? How can we know if there are problems that we just aren't seeing? I'm not a builder or a contractor."

Your realtor reassures you. "All that we need to do is write a Purchase Agreement that's contingent upon a satisfactory home inspection being performed on the home prior to your commitment to purchase it."

"We can do that?" you ask, always surprised at how much there is to this real-estate stuff. "How?"

"We can write it into the agreement and, if the homeowner agrees to it, you will have to hire an independent home-inspection company, at your cost, to inspect the home and assure you that it is in satisfactory condition. You must remember, though: This is for your information only; it will not obligate the homeowner to fix anything or to make any changes in the home."

"That would certainly take some of the doubt out of our decision," you say. "What else will the inspection tell us, and how do I find out about these companies?"

Your realtor then explains that a home inspection usually takes about two hours, depending upon the size of your home. The inspector will check the house from the basement to the attic. He can usually give you tips about how to maintain dif-



ferent parts of the home and how to improve it with various repairs and/or additions.

"I can give you information about different companies," your realtor adds, "but you will have to determine who you should hire to do the inspection!"

With a sigh of relief, you say, "Well, that certainly takes a load off our minds! Again, you have helped us at a time when we were overwhelmed by a decision. I don't feel that we can thank you enough. . . ."

"You know that I am here to help you make good decisions!" your realtor reminds you. "I am happy if I can make you more comfortable with these choices and help you to understand all the different options. I am always just a phone-call away!"

Please feel free to call me if I can assist you. You can reach me at Century 21 Suburban (464-0205) or my home (941-5704).

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The Hand of Hope

The Power of Persuasion

By Todd Hauter, certified hypnotherapist
(313-941-7084)

"Tune in" to optimism by shifting your paradigm!

Are you a positive person or a negative person? Do you take praise well? Do you think that hospitals are a place for healing, or do you see them as a place of sickness? Your answers to these questions reflect your paradigm – your belief system.

Researchers have discovered that people's feelings are a reflection of the way they think. In other words, your attitude can have a profound effect on your physical and emotional health. People who constantly see themselves and life in a negative light work themselves into a state of low self-esteem and depression; they also burden their bodies with unrelenting stress. Every time they think the worst, their body reacts as if it were actually in the midst of a tension-filled situation. Negative thinkers frequently suffer from stress-related physical ailments such as headaches, gastrointestinal problems, and high blood-pressure.

Contrary to popular belief, neither negative nor positive thinkers are born that way. Such thinking patterns are a learned response; a kind of habit that people develop over years of absorbing the attitudes of those around them (peers, parents, teachers, and even TV idols). Most people are not even aware that, day after day, messages – both positive and negative – are being encoded in their minds. These messages often "color" people's thoughts and cause them to interpret everyday events accordingly.

For example, if a negative thinker's friend doesn't return his phone-call, then the negative thinker assumes that he must have done something to offend the friend, or that the friend has done something behind his back and is embarrassed to talk to him. What's more likely is simply that the friend has been bogged down with work, and will be calling later – and, indeed, a positive person would see the situation in just such a light.

Automatic thinking goes on continually over the course of a day. In his mind, each person carries on a silent conversation with himself – interpreting situations, making judgments about people. In a negative thinker, this self-talk can be a barrage of self-doubt and self-criticism.

People can shed a negative perspective with cognitive therapy, a technique that's as effective as antidepressant drugs. Cognitive therapy isn't only for the deeply depressed; it helps everyone who has to fight an "internal critic" – that nagging, shrill, inner voice that can berate and bully them into a low-grade depression every time they face a challenging situation or make a mistake.

What cognitive therapists have also discovered, however, is that negative thoughts almost always contain gross distortions. Negative thinkers may believe that they're dealing with reality, but they're not. Cognitive therapy teaches people to first recognize their distorted thought processes and then to work on methods that will help them eliminate them.

Do you overestimate the size of your problems? I'll discuss the six common cognitive distortions in my next article. ☐

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Obituaries

Shirley D. Burcroff

Shirley D. Burcroff of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, September 3, 1993. She was 64 years old.

The retired Romulus Public Schools teacher, a graduate of Western Michigan University, was born in Detroit, Michigan, on May 22, 1929. She and husband Harold Dean Burcroff were married in Detroit on October 11, 1954. In her spare time, she enjoyed participating in Literary Club, Dearborn Health & Racquet Club, and Abe Lincoln Civil War Round events.

Shirley is survived by her husband; six sons, Fred T. (Beulah, MI), Neil T. (Williamston, MI), James L. (Romulus, MI), Roger D. (Romulus, MI), Leroy D. (Romulus, MI), and John P. Burcroff (Kalamazoo, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Alan (Susan L.) DeKoninck (Grand Ledge, MI); 11 grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Pat (Marilyn) Maher (Jacksonville, FL). She was predeceased by her sister Doris.

Funeral services were held on Monday, September 6, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend J.D. Landis (Community United Methodist Church—Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Somerset Cemetery (Somerset, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to Community United Methodist.

Loretta Marie Collier

Loretta Marie Collier — a resident of Romulus, Michigan — died on Saturday, September 4, 1993, at the age of 62.

Born in Sarnia, Ontario, on November 7, 1929; the Dayton—Hudson sales consultant married Clifford Collier on July 31, 1948. She was active with the United Methodist Women's Club, Eastern Star Lodge #73, and the Chippewas of Sarnia.

Loretta is survived by her husband; one daughter, Ms. Linda M. Collier (Westland, MI); one brother, Wayne T. Rodd, and his wife Carol (Romulus, MI); one sister, Mrs. Mickey L. Farris (Dearborn Heights, MI); one niece; and five nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Cecil.

Funeral services will be held at Community United Methodist Church—Romulus on Wednesday, September 8, at 11 a.m., with Reverend J.D. Landis officiating. Burial will be at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to Community United Methodist.

Kimie Mentani

Kimie Mentani of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, September 5, 1993. She was 25 years old.

Kimie was born in Kyoto, Japan, on April 8, 1968.

She is survived by her brother, Terukazu Mentani; her sister, Toshiku (Hiroko) Uno; her parents, Yuichiro Hentani and Nobuko Hanihara; and a paternal grandmother, Shizno Mentani (all of Japan).

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 7, at Community United

Methodist Church—Romulus, with Reverend J.D. Landis officiating. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI) handled cremation arrangements. Memorial tributes may be made to any scholarship fund.

James Charles Mullins

Forty-seven-year-old James Charles Mullins of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, August 25, 1993.

James, a welder for the Michigan Foundation, was born in Cromona, Kentucky, on November 22, 1945.

He is survived by his wife, Beulah E. Ward; three daughters, Robin Hylton, Kimberly Mullins, and Bertha White; three sons, James Jr., Lloyd, and Clayton Mullins; eight grandchildren; his parents, James and Bertha (Taylor) Mullins; and one sister, Aretta Brachther.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 28, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Lonnie England officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to any charity.

Nora L. Searcy

Nora L. Searcy of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, August 29, 1993, at the age of 61.

Born in Corbin, Kentucky, on January 27, 1932, the General Motors assembly-line worker married Leland E. Searcy on November 5, 1954, in Williamsburg, Kentucky.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Mark A. (Diane) Searcy (Romulus, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Dave (Deborah) Callison (Romulus, MI); one brother, Bill Sammons (Betavia, OH), and one granddaughter, Kelly Callison (Romulus, MI). She was predeceased by three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 1, at Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Marvin Hawbaker officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). □



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Mon / Wed	9:30–1:30	GED Prep	AEC	n/a
Mon / Wed	11:30–1:30	U.S. History II	AEC	\$50
Mon / Wed	11:30–1:30	Beginning English	AEC	\$50
Mon / Wed	11:30–1:30	Cooking & Crafts	AEC	\$100
M / W / F	10–12 noon	Basic Reading	BB	Free
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Tue / Thur	11:30–1:30	Reading Improvement	AEC	Free
Tue / Thur	11:30–1:30	Basic Math	AEC	\$50
Tue / Thur	11:30–1:30	American Government	AEC	\$50
Tue / Thur	11:30–1:30	Computer I & II	AEC	\$50
Fri	9:30–1:30	GED Prep	AEC	n/a
Mon–Fri	8:00–2:00	*Legal Assistant	AOC	\$750
Mon–Fri	8:00–4:00	Nail Technician	VF	n/a
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Mon–Thur	8:30–1:30	*Pharmacy Assistant	AOC	\$750
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	8:00–4:00	Cosmetology	VF	n/a

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Mon / Wed	6:00–8:00	Basic Math	RHS	\$50
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Mon / Wed	6:00–10:00	GED Prep	RHS	n/a
Mon / Wed	8:00–10:00	Computer I & II	RHS	\$50
Mon / Wed	8:00–10:00	U.S. History II	RHS	\$50
Mon / Wed	8:00–10:00	Algebra I & II	RHS	\$50
Mon–Thur and Sat	3:30–10:00	*Travel & Tourism	AEC	\$500
Mon–Thur	4:00–6:00	Word Processing	AEC	\$250
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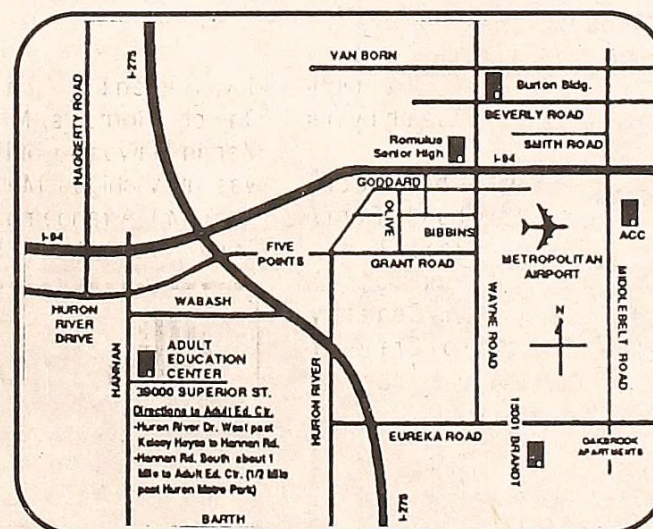
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